

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54
OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, add the following:

1 **SEC. 16___. PILOT PROGRAM FOR DEPLOYMENT OF DEDI-**
2 **CATED X-BAND SMALL SATELLITE COMMU-**
3 **NICATIONS.**

4 (a) **PLANS.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assist-
7 ant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and
8 Low-Intensity Conflict, in coordination with the Sec-
9 retaries of the military departments, shall submit to
10 the congressional defense committees a plan for a
11 pilot program for the deployment of dedicated X-
12 band small satellite communications technologies
13 that may support current and future requirements
14 of special operations forces.

15 (2) **PLAN ELEMENTS.**—The plan submitted
16 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

17 (A) A description of authorities that will be
18 used to execute the pilot program.

1 (B) A timeline for the implementation and
2 duration of the pilot program.

3 (C) An identification of the dedicated X-
4 band small satellite communication technologies
5 required to implement the pilot program.

6 (b) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than one
7 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant
8 Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-In-
9 tensity Conflict shall establish a pilot program in accord-
10 ance with the plan submitted by the Secretary under sub-
11 section (a)(1).

12 (c) TERM.—The pilot program shall terminate three
13 years after implementation.

14 (d) REPORTS.—

15 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 after
16 the implementation of the pilot program, the Assist-
17 ant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and
18 Low-Intensity Conflict shall submit to the Commit-
19 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of
20 Representatives a report on the pilot program under
21 this section.

22 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the termination of the pilot program, the As-
24 sistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations
25 and Low-Intensity Conflict shall submit to the com-

1 mittees as specified in paragraph (1) a final report
2 on the pilot program. The report shall include the
3 following:

4 (A) A comprehensive description and as-
5 sessment of the pilot.

6 (B) Such recommendations for legislative
7 or administrative action the Assistant Secretary
8 determines appropriate, including whether to—

9 (i) extend the term of the pilot pro-
10 gram;

11 (ii) expand the pilot program; or

12 (iii) make the pilot program perma-
13 nent.

14 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “military departments” has the
16 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10,
17 United States Code.

18 (2) The term “special operations forces” means
19 forces described under section 167(j) of title 10,
20 United States Code.

